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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/602,778	LAMIREY, MARC	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Gary F Paumen	2833	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 12/02/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-33 and 35-41.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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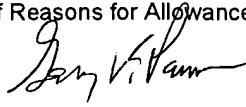
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6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets" ) must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948 ) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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**Gary Paumen**  
 Primary Examiner

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Michael Bujold on December 23, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 19, line 11, -- notches (62) in which the contact zones (61) are arranged, the support and the notches having -- has been inserted after "has"; line 17, -- , axially slidable along an exterior of the body (70) of the female socket (7), -- has been inserted after "(8)"; line 18, -- the support (60) -- has been inserted after "pressure on".

Claim 21, lines 1-2, "the support (60) has notches (62) in which the contact zones (61) are arranged," has been deleted.

Claim 33, line 2, "at least one" has been changed to -- a --, and ", with each male plug (6)" has been deleted; line 3, -- , formed integral with the male plug (6), -- has been inserted after "(60)", and -- the male plug (6) -- has been inserted before "having"; line 4, "the longitudinal" has been changed to -- a longitudinal --; line 6, the comma has been deleted; line 8, "the longitudinal" has been changed to -- a longitudinal --; line 11, "and" has been deleted; line 12, -- notches (62) in which the contact zones (61) are arranged, the support and the notches having -- has been inserted after "has"; line 13, -- by mating -- has been inserted after "assembling"; line 14, "by nesting" has been deleted;

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penultimate line, "nested" has been changed to – mated --; last line, the period has been changed to -- ; and --, and the following paragraph has been inserted thereafter:

-- e) a tightening device (8), axially slidable along an exterior of the body (70) of the female socket (7), for retaining the support (60) in the housing (71) and exerting a radial pressure on the contact zones (61) and thus on the contact elements (72) to ensure electrical connection therebetween. --.

Claim 34 has been canceled.

Claim 35 now depends from claim 33.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the above claim changes have been made to define over Mott et al, which discloses the tightening device as applying pressure on the contact elements and thus on the contact zones, and not vice versa; and over Chinn et al, which discloses contact zones in notches of the support

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary F Paumen whose telephone number is 571-272-2013. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext. 33. The fax phone

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**Gary Paumen**  
Primary Examiner